

Notice of Proposed Action

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State of Nevada

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit for the **Pipeline Infiltration Project**, a water management facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for renewal of **Permit NEV95111** is:

Cortez Joint Venture
Pipeline Infiltration Project
Star Route HC 66-50
Beowawe, Nevada 89821

The facilities, known as the Pipeline Infiltration Project, are located in portions of Sections 13, 15, 21, 22, and 27, Township 28 North, Range 47 East; Sections 13 and 24, Township 27 North, Range 46 East; and unsurveyed Sections 7, 18, and 19, Township 27 North, Range 47 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, in southern Crescent Valley, approximately 35 miles southeast of the town of Battle Mountain, Lander County, Nevada.

The project consists of dewatering wells for the Pipeline open pit mining operation, conveyance pumps and pipelines to infiltration basins and irrigation sites, and associated monitoring wells. Facilities are required to be designed, constructed, operated and closed without any discharge or release in excess of those standards established in regulation except for meteorological events which exceed the design storm event.

The Administrator is constrained to issue a renewal of a water pollution control permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative determination to renew the permit.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed permit renewal, to recommend terms and conditions for consideration of incorporation into the permit, or who request a public hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, NAC Chapter 445A, must submit their comments, objections, or requests no later than 5PM on the 30th day following the date of publication of

this notice to:

Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation
Capitol Complex
333 W. Nye Lane, Room 138
Carson City, NV 89706-0851

All comments or objections received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding this permit. If the Division determines written comments or requests indicate a significant degree of public interest in this matter, the Administrator shall schedule a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of NAC 445A.405.

The permit and all application documents are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to NRS 445A.665. For more information, contact Miles Shaw at (775) 687-4670, extension 3125, toll free in Nevada (800) 992-0900, extension 4670, or visit our website at <http://ndep.state.nv.us/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>